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Art Unit: 2625

Response to Office Action

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the pending Office Action mailed on October 6, 2003, please
amend the above-identified application and enter remarks as follows:

Listing and Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner contacted Applicants on May 27, 2004 about the non-receipt of a response to an Office Action and a Summary of an Interview conducted with the Examiner on February 17, 2004.

The Applicants timely faxed a response to the Office Action mailed on October 6, 2003, on February 17, 2004 with a two-month extension.

The Applicants also faxed a paper indicating a summary of the interview with the Examiner on February 23, 2004.

Copies of these responses, and the fax confirmation of the response to the Office Action are included with this paper.

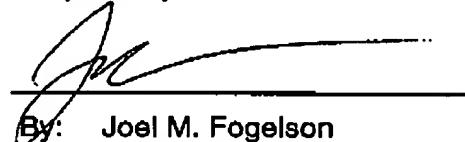
The Applicants submit that our responses to the USPTO were timely.

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Respectfully submitted,



By: Joel M. Fogelson

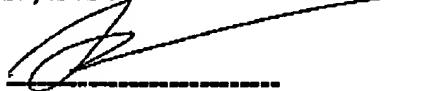
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